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MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

N open meeting of the University Council was held in Convocation Hall on the 9th inst. for the purpose of extending a formal greeting to the new Principal and transacting business in connection with the installation next

October. As this was Principal Gordon's first meeting with the Council as a body, Chancellor Fleming took occasion to address those present on matters touching the interests of Queen's, past and present, and, in the name of the University authorities, to welcome Dr. Gordon as the new head of Queen's. Principal Gordon, replying to the Chancellor's address, expressed his views as to the true functions of a university.

We are pleased to be able to present the addresses of Chancellor Fleming and Principal Gordon.

CHANCELLOR FLEMING.

Members of the University Council:

"This is the first occasion since the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Gordon as Principal, that he has met the University Council. It seems to me, therefore, most fitting that we should review the progress we have made in recent years and consider our present position.

"In the year 1879 I had the great satisfaction of taking my place at the Board of Trustees with Dr. Gordon. During the greater part of the intervening 24 years he has been removed to parts of Canada at a distance from Kingston, while it has been my own greater happiness to have been more closely identified with the University than when we were associated as trus-In these 24 years the students tees. in attendance have increased in number nearly five fold.

"It is a matter of great gratification to the University Council to welcome here once more our old friend and former trustee. It is especially gratifying to receive Dr. Gordon as the executive head of the University. In 1879 Queen's had turned over the first page in her history. That page had been marked by many discouragements and vicissitudes, but the new page then opening has been characterized by marked progress and brilliancy. Before 1879 we had really no college buildings except the one that has since been enlarged for the use of the Medical faculty. In May of that year we had the distinguished privilege of having the foundation stones of our first Arts buildings laid by the representa-